



Huron County Child Abuse/Neglect Council
Board Meeting Minutes
4.28.2016

Members Present: Kelli Braun, Elizabeth Herd, Clark Elftman, Greg Foy, Erinn Mausolf, Daryl Ford, Shelly Grifka, Yvonne Prill, Tim Rutkowski, Karissa Schrader, Dana Smith, Holly Wasierski

General Members Present: Rachel Voss

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Coordinator’s Report – submitted by Coordinator, Kelli Braun

- Prevention Committee:
 - Mandated Reporter Trainings – made packets for a May training at SafePlace, for 8 people; tallied evaluations from February training at HBH
 - D2L – tallied evaluations for two classes
 - TAT – tallied teacher evaluations
 - Period of Purple Crying – ordered kits; billboard is up from April 18th - May 15th in three locations
- Publicity Committee/Fundraising Committee:
 - Roof Sit – sent thank you letters to teams, press release to three local newspapers
 - Key North – cancelled for 2016
 - Golf Outing – scheduled meetings, sent letters to golfers & sponsors (300+ sent); promoted the event on Facebook, newspapers, radio, golf courses
- Other Items:
 - donations were received and acknowledgements were sent for:
 - Bad Axe Schools (intended for Roof Sit, but received too late) - \$300
 - Faith Gospel Tabernacle - \$250

CTF reporting in eGrAMs

Treasurer’s Report: submitted by Treasurer, Greg Foy

- Greg discussed the budget for the 2015-2016 year.
 - **Balance as of 10.1.2015** **\$20,319.11**
- | | Income | Expenses | Net Total |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 2nd quarter
January-March | \$13,779.93 | \$6,964.92 | \$6,815.01 |
| Year to Date | \$19,332.50 | \$16,035.04 | \$3,017.46 |
- **Balance as of 3.31.2015** **\$23,336.57**
 - The budget is ahead by about \$9,000, with money still available from the golf outing and CTF.
 - Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report by Karissa Schrader, supported by Holly Wasierski.

Committees

Prevention Committee Report – submitted by Acting Chair, Karissa Schrader

- Child Advocacy Center – a committee separate from prevention has been formed, and discussion will occur later on in the meeting
- Child Abuse Prevention Month – Pinwheel Planting was on April 11th at the courthouse
- TAT – new training materials were ordered last year, and will be utilized this fall

- D2L – since September, six trainings have been held with ~120 people being trained; two more trainings have been scheduled
- Drug Prevention – lots of discussion regarding drug use in the county with pregnant women; Daryl reports that Ryan Swartz has made no progress with Representative Canfield since their last conversation; progress seems halted for now...
- Mandated Reporter Training
 - training occurred at HBH and has been scheduled with SafePlace
 - new format is a video that is shown to participants with one trainer
 - Sharon Cook from DHHS emailed and stated that DHHS has to stick to the training format that is given
 - in the past, Kelli contacted the whole panel with dates and times, and several representatives from different offices (DHHS, prosecutor's office, etc.) presented the training
 - discussion followed about offering both options: 1. only Sharon, 2. whole panel; the board agreed that offering both options to those wanting to be trained was the best plan

Publicity Committee Report – submitted by Chair, Elizabeth Herd

- Elizabeth asked for a chair to take over her role for this committee. She notes that things are getting missed, as she is acting president of the council and trying to attend other committee meetings. Rachel expressed a possible interest in chairing the committee. She will talk more with Elizabeth after the meeting.
- Roof Sit – PSA was completed with Tim Rutkowski
- Pinwheel Planting – new banner was ordered
- Golf Outing – Elizabeth created an event on Facebook, and asked members to “like” and “share” it
- Ribbon Campaign – more supplies were ordered
- Golf Outing:
 - 30th year!
 - Bird Creek in Port Austin
 - a list of golfers and sponsors was handed out, and a sign-up sheet for members to contact
 - letters were mailed to all golfers
 - Elizabeth created an event on Facebook – please “like” it and “share” it
 - In 2015, there were only 11 teams. Members discussed the large amount of planning and work that goes into the event. So, more teams are needed!
 - a sign-up sheet went around for donation of supplies
 - a sign-up sheet went around to work the day of the event; contact Greg if you'd like to volunteer
 - Kelli will email the flyers and registration forms

Old Business:

- Treasurer
 - Greg's last day will be on September 30th, 2015. He has been doing this job for 8-9 years, and it's time for someone new to take the reigns.
 - Greg would like to take the time to train the new person. Please contact him if you're interested.

New Business:

- Elizabeth passed out pinwheels for prevention pin to all members in appreciation of everyone's hard work.

- Child Advocacy Center
 - Elizabeth presented the following proposal:

“As was discussed at our January board meeting, a special committee was formed to investigate the possibility of forming a Child Advocacy Center here in our county. The committee has been very popular, drawing many people and generating a lot of interest and support throughout the county.

At present, the committee consists of 17 individuals representing 11 agencies and organizations, including:

- ✓ CA/N Council
- ✓ Department of Health and Human Services
- ✓ Huron County Commissioners
- ✓ Prosecuting Attorney’s office
- ✓ law enforcement
- ✓ Huron Medical Center
- ✓ Scheurer Healthcare Network
- ✓ Huron County SafePlace
- ✓ Harbor Beach Hospital
- ✓ Huron County Health Department
- ✓ Huron County Medical Examiner

I am going to briefly go over the findings of the committee thus far, with the intention to request approval from the board to *further* explore forming a Child Advocacy Center.

The committee has met six times over the past five months. Our first meeting in December was with the CAC and CA/N team in Sanilac County to hear how they went about forming their advocacy center.

In discussions with Sanilac County and with Emily from Michigan’s Children’s Trust Fund, we learned that we can form a Child Advocacy Center as an extension of the CA/N Council using the Council’s non-profit status for fundraising and for ongoing funding of the CAC. The grant we receive from CTF, currently \$10,000, must of course be used toward prevention programs *only* – but all money we raise locally can be used toward any/all efforts the Council feels will best benefit abused and neglected children in our county. Many local Councils across the state have their Advocacy Centers organized in this manner. With the addition of an advocacy center, the CA/N Council Bylaws would of course be amended to include the CAC.

Huron County was on the agenda of the Children’s Trust Funds April Board Meeting, for consideration of raising our grant to tier 3 – which would provide us with \$20,000 toward prevention. This would cover the cost of all of our current prevention programs, freeing up more of our local donations for possibly forming the Child Advocacy Center of Huron County.

The committee also has a few more ideas/leads for donors for initial start-up costs, which I will outline more in a minute.

As you can see on the **FACT SHEET** that the committee put together at the start, there is a definite need in Huron County for a Child Advocacy Center, and so after concluding this, the focus of the committee has been to determine the needs and costs associated for forming and opening an advocacy center.

Needed

- **Facility Space** – exam, waiting, interview, and viewing rooms
- **S.A.N.E. Nurse**
 - S.A.N.E. nurses must perform a required number of exams per period of time to remain certified – discussion surrounds the possibility of sharing with another county. There will be a cost associated with this service and possible training expenses.
- **Forensic Interviewers**
 - There will be a cost of approximately \$3,000-\$6,000 associated with training interviewers – we have one volunteer at this time.
- **Surveillance Equipment**
 - Stephen Grewe of Huron County SafePlace has offered his services to reduce this cost to approximately \$2,000-\$6,000 less than Sanilac County paid.
- **Coordinator**
 - This position is still under review, but we anticipate that the current CA/N Coordinator position would change to include the duties associated with the CAC, as well, increasing the number of hours – pay to be determined.
- **Donors – Fundraising Opportunities**
 - The committee has leads for possible donors to help with start-up costs.

Initially, the committee discussed the possibility of modeling Sanilac County's S.A.V.E. (Sanilac County Violence Elimination) Partnership, to include the Huron County SafePlace with our CA/N Council and the opening of a new Child Advocacy Center. All of the agencies involved in prevention, protection, and prosecution of violence in our county would fall under this umbrella we named H.A.V.E.N. (Huron Area Violence Elimination Network). This remains a potential goal for the future. Sanilac County also passed a millage to fund their S.A.V.E Partnership.

The committee believes we could also do this in Huron County, and there is support for that from the members of the committee and their organizations, including commissioners. However, it is necessary to collect data from an operating Child Advocacy Center in order to even propose a millage.

Recommendation and Timeline

The committee recommends board discussion here today, and continued exploration to gather concrete commitments and cost quotes, which we hope to present at our July board meeting, when the committee will then propose more discussion and a possible vote for approval to begin organizing the opening of a Child Advocacy Center. The ambitious goal of the committee is to open the Child Advocacy Center of Huron County in the fall of this year to coincide with the CA/N Council's child sexual abuse prevention programs also beginning at that time.

Submitted by CAC/HC Committee Chair, Elizabeth Herd"

- There was a lot of interest in support of a CAC after hearing Elizabeth's letter.
- discussion on the following topics:
 - SANE nurse – Rachel will invite Kathy, who is an RN at HMC, and was previously a SANE nurse, to the next CAC meeting.
 - space to utilize – possibly HMC or the Thumb Area Community Health Center
 - 3 rooms are needed – interview, exam, viewing
 - Tuscola – exams are done in Lapeer, interview is done in Tuscola County

- Sanilac – all under one roof thanks to the millage
 - forensic interviewing:
 - DHHS staff are trained – not as extensively and not certified
 - DHHS recently got a directive that the state will NOT pay for the use of another CAC, so all staff members are trained in forensic interviewing
 - a lot of information is “known”, but nothing is on paper – need more concrete information
 - By July, Elizabeth would like to present the following to the board:
 - business plan
 - start up costs
 - how much to fund
 - quotes
 - commitments
 - Motion to approve the exploration of a Child Advocacy Center by Greg Foy, supported by Clark Elftman.
- TAT
 - Chelsea and Michele are no longer interested in teaching the class.
 - Erinn and Trish are still planning to teach next year.
 - If interested, please contact Elizabeth as soon as possible.

Board Inspiration: Elizabeth presented information on House Bills 4973, 4974, and 4975 – Wyatt’s Law.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.